

are appointed as members on different committees of the Commission. Out of 12 Members of the Commission, 8 are from among the University system and 4 are *ex-officio* Members.

Expansion of secondary education

†2781. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Central scheme is under consideration for expansion of secondary education;

(b) if so, the outline of the scheme; and

(c) if not, the manner in which children who have received primary education through implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan will be able to get facility of secondary education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) A concept note for implementing a scheme on universalisation of access to and improvement of quality of secondary education has been prepared. The objective is to provide access to secondary schools within a reasonable distance of habitations and to improve the quality of education at the secondary stage.

Vacant posts for SCs, STs and OBCs in Central Universities

2782. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of SCs, STs and OBCs teaching posts lying vacant under reserved category in the various Central Universities and its subordinate colleges of the country;

(b) the specific reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the above teaching posts of the above mentioned categories will be filled up in all colleges affiliated to the Central Universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Occurrence of vacancies and filling up of vacant teaching posts in Central Universities

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and its Colleges, including SCs, STs and OBCs, is a continuous process and this Ministry does not maintain any centralized information. The University and colleges authorities are vested with the powers to make appointments in terms of the relevant statutory provisions and as such it may not be possible to indicate any time-frame by which the vacant SCs, STs and OBCs posts would be filled in. The Ministry has, however, issued a directive under Section 20(1) of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 to the UGC asking the Commission to ensure effective implementation of the national policy in regard to reservation in all Central Universities.

Outflow of manpower due to want of opportunities

2783. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to lack of adequate research facilities and job opportunities and poor pay structure in our country, scientists, doctors, engineers, IT engineers, computer engineers, etc. have been proceeding abroad; and

(b) if so, what effective measures are being taken by Government to stop brain-drain in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) No record of the number of engineers and scientists leaving the country is maintained centrally. Indian doctors, engineers IT engineers, and scientists do go abroad for higher studies or employment. In the present scenario of globalization and liberalization, the movement of technical and scientific personnel across the national boundaries is not only inevitable but in many cases could give positive benefits to the country. It is considered neither feasible nor desirable to put in place a regulatory framework to prevent the movement abroad of such qualified persons.

Teachers in Government primary and secondary schools

2784. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of teachers in the Government primary and secondary schools and how this has changed over the last five years;